

February 15, 2022 – Daniel Bulford Security Brief

On this approximate date, during mid-day, Daniel received a phone call from an Ottawa Police Sergeant in the Source Development Unit wishing to speak with him about the intelligence he received regarding the possibility of the firearms planted amongst the Convoy. The Officer identified himself as Sgt. Gort. He was attempting to arrange a source meeting. Daniel advised him that all of the information that was provided to me was already provided to the various Police agencies. During the conversation, Daniel said that he suspected the 2000 firearm theft from Peterborough was a planned scenario in order to inject an undercover operator into the Freedom Convoy. Sgt. Gort replied by saying that almost all of those firearms had been recovered.

Daniel, Vincent Gircys, and Eddie Cornell encountered a lone male while leaving the Sheraton Hotel by service exit after a joint press conference. The male was observed in the hotel kitchen by himself, looking underneath counters and between appliances. Daniel asked him if he worked at the hotel and if he could direct us out. He mumbled under his breath and departed the kitchen immediately. He was alone, visibly uncomfortable with their presence, and carrying a backpack. Daniel caught up to him on the street outside of the lobby and tried to ask him who he was. He continued walking and asked me what his problem was. Daniel took out his phone and captured a photograph of him due to the suspicious circumstances of the encounter, high-profile Convoy representatives staying at the Sheraton, the immediate recency of the press conference, and the recent information about the planting of firearms. Hotel Security was advised of the encounter.

19:25 Daniel passed on the Information about the lone male encountered at the Sheraton Hotel to the OPS, OPP, and the RCMP.

OPP Cst. Dave Peace, and two OPS Liaison Officers identified as Meg and Adam, attended the Swiss Hotel to meet with Volunteer organizers and Tamara Lich. The Police Liaisons attended to discuss the recent document provided by Police to Convoy participants. Daniel expressed his disappointment at people being targeted for mischief and the rhetoric being used by Police leadership and Government officials to describe the Convoy. Daniel spoke with Cst. Peace about the growing concern of Police using force against peaceful protests with zero negotiation beforehand. Daniel knew that Cst. Peace was a Critical Incident Crisis Negotiator, and they both knew that Incident Commanders would never authorize the launching of a tactical option during unless there was an immediate risk to life, or all negotiation efforts had been exhausted. Daniel said to the Police liaisons that they knew the Protest was peaceful and that using force in this situation was wrong. He reminded the Police liaisons that the world was watching Ottawa, and if the Police moved on the Convoy protestors with force, then the little credibility the Government and Police had left would be destroyed.